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OF: Masao OCHI et al.

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JULY 16, 2004, IN THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION  
COMPRISING 11 PAGES.

NO ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE IS REQUIRED, AS SHOWN BELOW.

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AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

Filing this Response on Monday, October 18, 2004 is timely  
WITHOUT A TERM EXTENSION because October 16, 2004 was a Saturday.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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